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Applicant: Jeffrey S. Hovland et al. Examiner: Omar R. Rojas  
Serial No.: 10/750,380 Group Art Unit: 2874  
Filed: December 29, 2003 Docket: 2316.1646US01  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.